

“The Measure of a Ministry, Part 3”

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 3:9b-23; Matthew 7:24-27

BIG IDEA: The Church is a BUILDING; the goal is QUALITY.

“You are God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9b (CSB)



Build in the right place. (v10, 11)

- **Lay the right foundation.**
- **The foundation is Jesus Christ.**



Build with the right crew. (v9, 10b, 16-17)

- **Members only.**
- **Each member.**
- **All members.**



Build with the right plan. (v10, 18-20)

- **Build like an architect.**
- **Build with great care.**



Build with the right materials. (v12)

- **What to use.**

- **What NOT to use.**



Build for the right reasons. (v12-15, 21-23)

- **Why I build will be revealed.**
- **Why I build will be rewarded.**

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THINK: Consider the Church as a Building, then ask yourself these questions: *As a metaphor, how would you describe yourself in terms of a building: a skyscraper, grass shack, bomb shelter, greenhouse, or what? Why? What is the point of Paul’s extended metaphor about the Church as a building in v10-15? How is Jesus the foundation? How do believers go about the building process in Christ’s Church? What building materials should we be using to build the Church? How is each person’s work tested? Why?*

DO: Given the clues about what makes for good “building materials”, what is one “concrete” way you could help build God’s Church right here and right now at WBC?